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 FROM WATER CONTAINING )  
 CALCIUM HYDROGEN CARBONATE )  
 IN HIGH CONCENTRATION )

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each of the documents is enclosed with a concise statement of any non-English document having an English abstract is contained in such abstract, except for reference 48-14572 A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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